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SUBJ: CODEL PRICE: LENINGRAD ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A. MOSCOW 4588, B. STATE 55647

1. OUR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS WILL CLOSELY PARALLEL THOSE OF EMBASSY AND CONGEN SHOULD BE ADDRESSEE ON ALL CABLES DEALING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS. WE HAVE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON LENINGRAD PORTION OF VISIT.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS: WE WILL NEED TO RESERVE HOTEL SPACE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE DUE TO EXPECTED HEAVY EASTER HOLIDAY TOURIST INFLUX FROM NEARBY FINLAND AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WEEKEND OF CODEL VISIT. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP EXACT ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH CODEL VISIT, INCLUDING ESCORT OFFICERS AND CREW. DUE RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE OF MAIN LENINGRAD INTOURIST HOTELS, WE ALSO WOULD EXPECT A SPLIT IN ACCOMMODATIONS WITH DELEGATION MEMBERS MOST LIKELY LODGED IN ASTORIA AND CREW IN LESS CENTRALLY LOCATED HOTEL LENINGRAD OR SOME OTHER OUTLYING HOTEL.

3. INTOURIST: WE WILL ALSO NEED TO KNOW SOONEST WHAT

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REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE OF INTOURIST IN WASHINGTON FOR LENINGRAD PORTION OF TRIP SO THAT WE ARE NOT TALKING AT CROSS PURPOSES. WE ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM IN COORDINATING DETAILS AND ARRANGING LAST MINUTE CHANGES ONCE LOCAL INTOURIST OFFICIALS HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW INTOURIST HEADQUARTERS TO MAKE THEIR BEST EFFORTS.

4. TRANSPORTATION: DUE EXTREMELY LIMITED CONGEN CAR POOL, WE ALSO WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ENTIRELY ON INTOURIST FOR VEHICLES. WE INTEND TO HIRE SAME NUMBER AND TYPE OF VEHICLES AS MOSCOW (PARA 1 REFTTEL A).

5. CONTROL ROOM: WE INTEND SET UP LENINGRAD CONTROL ROOM AT HOTEL WHERE MAIN BODY OF DELEGATION IS HOUSED. WE CAN PROVIDE SAME CONTROL ROOM SERVICES AND AMENITIES AS THOSE LISTED IN PARA 3 REFTTEL A. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED, WE INTEND RESERVE SUITE, RATHER THAN SINGLE, FOR CONTROL ROOM TO PROVIDE BETTER WORKING SPACE. SINCE LENINGRAD WILL BE CODEL'S INITIAL POINT OF ENTRY INTO SOVIET UNION, CONGEN OFFICER WILL BE IN CONTROL ROOM FOR MONEY EXCHANGE AS LONG AS REQUIRED AFTER DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL. BUT MONEY EXCHANGE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF VISIT.

6. FUNDING: WE FULLY ENDORSE EMBASSY'S FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (PARA 4 REFTTEL A) AND REQUEST EARLY GUIDANCE ON FUNDING IN ORDER TO FACILITATE OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS WITH INTOURIST.

7. CODEL PLANE: WE WILL NEED COMPLETE FLIGHT INFORMATION (RADIO FREQUENCIES, ALTITUDES, ROUTES, ETC.) FOR EARLY TRANSMITTAL TO SOVIETS HERE IN ADDITION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHATEVER IS DONE IN MOSCOW. WE ALSO WILL NEED INFORMATION ON PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR FLIGHT CREW PLUS ANY SPECIAL FUEL OR GROUND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE LEVIED ON CONGEN.

8. CONTROL OFFICERS: OVERALL CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER, GEORGE L. RUECKERT; OFFICE EXTENSION - 240; HOME TELEPHONE - 215-85-31. SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO POST ADMIN OFFICER, DONALD HAYS; OFFICE EXTENSION - 226; HOME TELEPHONE - 235-6872. CONGEN TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: 272-5217, 272-4548, AND 273-2104. BUCHANAN

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